Construction of bunkers by Pakistan

†3121. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the bordering areas of Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner, Pakistan has constructed many new bunkers and set up army posts;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) what action has been taken in the above said region keeping in view the security aspect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) It has been reported that Pakistan Rangers/ Army trops are engaged in the construction of bunkers/pill boxes, new posts, observation towers, defence bundhs, etc. along/in close proximity of International Border, including near Barmer, Jaisalmer & Bikaner.

(b) and (c) Construction and improvement of defences, including setting up of new posts along the border, is an on-going process. Pakistani activities are being closely monitored and suitable remedial measures are being adopted to deny advantage to the adversary.

Crime in trains

†3122. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of robbery, dacoity and poisoning in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar bound trains have increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the data of the incidents took place during the last one year;

(c) whether Government are considering to make strongest security arrangements in trains to bring down the occurrence of such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.